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Sir:

In satisfaction of the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants wish to draw the attention of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to the reference cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449.

Applicants are aware that this reference was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement previously filed in the instant application on November 25, 1997. However, the Examiner has informed Applicants in related cases that it cannot consider this

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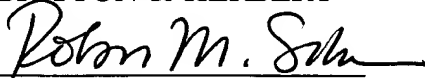
reference as it is cited on the Form PTO-1449. Therefore, Applicants enclose herewith a complete citation to the Arkin et al. reference. Since a copy of this reference was previously submitted via an Information Disclosure Statement in application Serial No. 08/743,798, filed November 5, 1996, upon which the instant application relies for its priority date, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), a duplicate copy is not enclosed herewith.

The foregoing reference is not believed to disclose the invention as claimed. Nothing herein shall constitute an admission concerning the contents of any of the cited references, nor shall the inclusion of a reference herein be considered an admission that the reference constitutes prior art against the invention claimed in the above-identified application. Submission of the present document shall not be construed as an admission that a search has been made or that better art does not exist.

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Respectfully submitted,

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